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COAL STRIKERS AGREE ACCEPT WILSON'S PLAN

GENERAL COMMITTEE UNITED MINER WORKERS VOTE TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL

RETURN TO WORK IMMEDIATELY

Increase of 14 per cent in wages and Commission to Present New Wage Scale

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—The strike of over 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country was settled here today when the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America agreed to accept the plan offered by President Wilson. The members of the general committee voted to accept the proposal shortly before 3 o'clock. At that time, it was said, no votes had been taken on the question of holding a convention of the union to consider the matter.

The plan proposed by President Wilson and accepted by the miners provides that the miners return to work immediately at an increase in wages of 14 per cent; that a commission of three persons be appointed to investigate and determine, within 60 days if possible, a basis for new and final wage agreement.

Today's conference was made up of international and district officials, members of the executive board, the scale committee and the committee on organization.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Fuel Administrator Garfield announced this afternoon that there would be no relaxation of fuel restrictions for the present as a result of the ending of the strike of the coal miners.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10.—With President Wilson's proposal for the ending of the miners strike still under consideration the miner's conference recessed until 1:30 for lunch. Acting President Lewis said, "Expect miners to finish conference today." Further than this he would make no comment.

COOPERATION IN AIR SERVICE BETWEEN NATIONS

London, Dec. 10.—Major General Sir F. H. Sykes, British controller general of civil aviation, hopes to arrange for complete cooperation between Great Britain and the United States in all matters relating to flying. This is the purpose of his journey to America, on which he expects soon to leave.

GERMAN DYE WORKS INCREASES CAPITAL

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The Aniline Dye corporation at a general conference has voted unanimously to increase its capitalization from 33,000,000 marks to 88,000,000 marks.

The administration gave exhaustive reasons for this move, citing among other things that the Baden Aniline Soda corporation had succeeded in perfecting synthetic ammonia and that there had been further development during the war in the creation of an enormous plant for explosives at Merseburg. It was stated that the capital invested in explosives now totals several hundred millions, but that more than a billion marks are needed.

With this capital the corporation expects to be able to produce explosives and fertilizer in sufficient quantities for the German needs for the chemical industry and for agrarian work.

COLD WAVE HITS THE MIDDLE WEST

Much Suffering Caused by Coal Shortage—Train Service Further Curtailed Today

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Below zero temperature prevailed today in virtually all districts from the Mississippi valley to the Rocky mountains. The cold wave is especially severe as many towns are destitute of coal and suffering is reported intense. The curtailment of passenger train service became effective today.

TWENTY FIVE MILLION IS BRITISH BATTLESHIP COST

London, Dec. 10.—The most recently constructed British battleship, the "Hood," cost the government \$25,125,000 to build, excluding the cost of guns, ammunition and stores.

AMERICAN LEGION IS PLANNING FAST BOUTS

At last night's meeting of the American Legion, a report from the committee on the boxing festival, to be given here on December 30th, showed that matters are progressing satisfactorily, and giving assurance of a genuine, red-blooded program. The boxing commission, as required by law, was authorized by the city council and appointed by the mayor. This commission has general supervision and names the referee.

It is desired to draw upon local talent for at least one or two of the preliminaries, and to this end, request is made that all boxers who can perform in semi-professional or professional class and who wish to fight, report to Chairman Fred C. Collin, at the Collins Auto Company for arrangements for a try-out. Plans are under way for a few short bouts at the next meeting, December 16th.

A communication to the local post was read in which the Centralia post of the American Legion expressed its thanks for the telegram of sympathy sent the northern post after the Armistice Day massacre of American Legion members by the I. W. W.

MANY UNDESIRABLES STILL IN HOLLAND

Harderwijk, Holland, Nov. 23.—(By Mail)—Hundreds of men and women of all nationalities, considered undesirable, but accorded refuge and hospitality by The Netherlands, are still confined behind barbed wire fences in the big war interment camp here. They still are sources of trouble to the Dutch government.

Many of them are war refugees, escaped from Germany, or Belgium, and to their number since the war, have been added several scores of Russians, of bolshevik tendencies, whom the government has confined here for safe keeping.

The Russians have been particularly troublesome, but the means taken by one of the Dutch military officers in charge of the camp to control their actions are reported in the Dutch press to have been so severe that recently a number of Dutch soldiers are said to have mutinied rather than obey the orders.

GAME WARDEN URGES FEEDING OF BIRDS

Portland, Dec. 10.—State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker has sent the following wire to all sections of the state:

"I urge all good citizens, and sportsmen to assist in feeding and taking care of game birds during the heavy snow storm. The game department will go 50-50 with all sportsmen's organizations in paying for feed. Immediate feeding is necessary if much of our wild bird life is conserved."

AUSTRALIAN FLYER LANDS PORT DARWIN

COMPLETES VOYAGE OF 11,500 MILES FROM LONDON IN TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS

WINS PURSE OF 10,000 POUNDS

Trip Outlined by Australian Government and Is Under Government Auspices

Port Darwin, Australia, Dec. 10.—Captain Ross Smith, Australian aviator arrived here today from England, thus winning the prize of 10,000 pounds offered the first aviator to make the voyage. Under conditions laid down by the Australian government the distance of 11,500 miles had to be made within 30 days.

Captain Smith left Hounslow field, near London, on Wednesday, November 12. He reached Cairo on the 18th, and Delhi on the 23d. From there he continued east until he reached Prangoon, then turning southward, making a number of stops along the Malay Peninsula. Port Darwin is close to the northernmost tip of Australia.

DENMARK IS PROMISING FOR BICYCLE SALES

London, Dec. 10.—A recent trade report advises bicycle manufacturers to seek trade in Denmark. In Copenhagen there are 700,000 people and more than 400,000 bicycles.

OIL PRODUCTION IN MEXICO HAS CEASED

Washington, Dec. 10.—The production of oil in Mexico has practically ceased as a result of the decrees promulgated by President Carranza and the general attitude of the Mexican government toward foreign oil companies, Chairman Payne of the shipping board was told by a delegation of oil men today.

GERMANY'S ANSWER TO NOTE EXPECTED TODAY

Paris, Dec. 10.—Allied notes which were handed to the German delegation Monday have been examined by the council of ministers in Berlin, and the German answer will probably be sent to Versailles today, according to a Berlin dispatch.

THOUSANDS OF LOCOMOTIVES IN COBLENZ ARE AWAITING REPAIRS

Coblentz, Dec. 10.—Ten thousand locomotives are idle in the repair shops of Germany according to railroad men who conferred recently in Coblentz with Pierrepont B. Noyes, the American representative on the Inter-Allied Rhineland high commission. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the coal shortage in Germany and the part the railroads are to play in distributing fuel this winter.

The labor representative, at the conference, contended that the German workmen are, not holding back in efforts being made to meet the economic difficulties facing the country.

PORTLAND HAS TWO FEET SNOW ON STREETS

ALL TRAFFIC COMPELLED TO SUSPEND AND SCHOOLS ARE PRACTICALLY CLOSED

PASSENGER TRAINS ANNULLED

Cold Wave Sweeping East and South, With High Winds and Heavy Rains Accompanying

Portland, Ore., Dec. 10.—Traffic is practically at a standstill here today. Close to two feet of snow covers every street and automobiles are unable to progress and street cars were unable to negotiate during the early hours. The schools of the city are virtually closed and nearly everyone walked to work.

Passenger train No. 13, on the Southern Pacific, due to leave last evening, was annulled, and trains on other lines have been cancelled.

Blizzard conditions prevail in nearly the entire state with the exception of the southwest. Roads are almost impassable.

The fuel situation is not yet serious although at Salem it is reported the city is completely out of coal. Governor Olcott today telegraphed Fuel Administrator Garfield asking for release of coal cars now on the sidings here.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The cold wave which has had the west in its grip for several days swept into the east and south early today, accompanied by high winds and unusually heavy rainfall.

ESTHONIANS REPULSE BOLSHEVIKI ASSAULTS

Reval, Estonia, Dec. 10.—The Bolsheviki have begun a new offensive on the Narva front and after a terrific artillery fire 10 assaults were delivered upon the Estonian positions. All attacks were repulsed, reports state, with heavy losses by the bolsheviki.

TRAIN SERVICE FROM NORTH INTERRUPTED

Grants Pass is without train service today except for a stub train made up at Roseburg which will run to Ashland. Passenger trains No. 13 and No. 53, southbound, were annulled, train No. 15, due at 10:19 tonight may be in late. Trains from the south are in general on time.

THOUSANDS OF LOCOMOTIVES IN COBLENZ ARE AWAITING REPAIRS

The chief trouble in repairing the locomotives, the railroad men asserted, was lack of proper raw material which Germany had been unable to secure since the armistice.

The railroad men asserted that the men in the railroad shops realized the responsibilities placed upon them to repair locomotives and that there was no desire on the part of these workmen to slow up on this work.

The average wage in the railroad shops is 16 marks a day. The mark, at the present rate of exchange at army headquarters in Coblentz, is valued at a fraction less than three and a half cents.

CHICAGO IS NAMED CONVENTION CITY

Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania, Attacks Administration's Mexican Policy

Washington, Dec. 10.—Chicago was today selected as the meeting place for the national republican convention in 1920.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania in a keynote speech at a meeting of the republican national committee attacked the administration's Mexican policy and declared that the republican party approached the coming presidential campaign with confidence that the people will endorse its policies.

"IT'S THE CLIMATE" STILL APPLIES TO SO. OREGON

"It's the Climate" is still the slogan of Grants Pass notwithstanding the inclement weather of the past 24 hours. Since last night at 5 o'clock the precipitation was 1.35 inches without a trace of snow, and the minimum temperature was 36 degrees, the maximum 53 degrees, and during the night the wind blew a gale at intervals. But during the afternoon the sun shone brightly at times. In the Willamette valley there is snow and cold, transportation is crippled, and industries are halted. In the middle west there are blizzards, bitter cold and fuel shortages.

CRACK OARSMEN OF WEST EXPECTED IN SUMMER MEET

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10.—Some of the greatest oarsmen in the west are expected to participate next summer at the annual regatta of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen, which will be held here. The last international regatta on the Pacific coast took place at Portland, Ore., in 1914. In past years, the keenest competition has been between Vancouver and Portland but the entrance of the famous Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, club for the 1920 regatta has broadened the interest.

GALVESTON DRYDOCK NOW IN OPERATION

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 10.—The new 10,000 ton floating drydock here, construction of which recently was completed, has been successfully put into operation.

The drydock is constructed in two sections. The first has a lifting capacity of 6,400 tons and the second 3,600 tons. The structure and operation is simple. The bottom of the structure is a row of pontoons, similar in appearance to ordinary pontoons but closed at the top and divided into two compartments. Steel wings go upward from both ends of the pontoons, giving a cross section of the dock the appearance of the letter "U." To lower the dock the valves are opened and the water flows into the pontoons, to raise it the water is pumped out.

The two sections of the dock may be worked separately or together. When joined together the drydock is capable of raising any steamship entering this port.

BRITISH STATESMAN ADVISES COOPERATION WITH LABOR

London, Dec. 10.—Sir Vincent Callard, retiring president of the Federation of British Industries, told the members of the federation the other day that he thought employers did not take their wage earners sufficiently into their confidence. At the same time he believed labor had been in the past suspicious and irresponsible.

254,273 ALIENS ADMITTED U.S. DURING YEAR

RECORDS SHOW 36 ALIENS DEPART FROM U. S. TO EVERY HUNDRED ADMITTED

3,068 ALIENS ARE DEPORTED

Labor Department Commissioners Called to Consider in 1,780 Labor Dispute Cases

Washington, Dec. 10.—There can be no permanent industrial peace that is not based on industrial justice, Secretary Wilson declared today in his annual report. Reviewing the present disturbed industrial situation, the secretary said the means had been found for regulating all the other relations of mankind and that human intelligence could find the method of adjusting the relationship between employer and employe with justice to both.

Declaring that just as international wrongs might reach a point making war a necessity, so industrial wrongs might accumulate until they provoke an industrial conflict, the secretary said the stability of industrial relations rested on mutual counsel.

"Just as the peace of nations is promoted by frank and friendly intercourse," he said, "so may the peace of industry be maintained by the same methods. But this intercourse can not come about unless there is first recognized the right of collective bargaining. The public interest demands that it be universally recognized, for the primary interest of the public is in peace."

"The denial of organization is a denial of the only means of peaceable settlement that the wage earners have."

Calling attention to the present prominence of labor organizations of a revolutionary or lawless type the secretary declared that the responsibility for them must fall upon the employer who opposes the organization of lawful trade unions. More are more so industrial disputes menace the public as well as employer and employe, the secretary said, adding that the right to strike should be a means of defense and not a weapon of offense.

"The right of any man to cease working for another for any reason that is sufficient to himself is the basic element of human liberty" he said. "The right of any person to refuse to operate his plant at any time he desires to do so is the exercise of a property right guaranteed by the constitution. It does not follow that because these rights exist it is necessary to exercise them. They must nevertheless be safeguarded."

Turning to the question of the high cost of living, the secretary said increased wages did not always bring the desired relief. Increased productivity, making more material available for wages and taking the means of increased compensation out of the profits of the employer was the only way in which the standard of living of the wage earner could be improved, he declared.

Reviewing the activities of the various bureaus of the department, the report said 254,273 aliens came to American shores during the fiscal year ending June 30, and that 245,647 of them were admitted and 8,626 excluded. The number admitted the year before was 211,853.

Aliens departing during the last fiscal year numbered 216,231 as against 193,268 the year before. During the last seven years the bureau of immigration estimated that 36 aliens left the country for every 100 admitted. Aliens admitted during the past year were in possession of sums of money aggregating \$15,831,247, an average of \$112 per person.

Aliens expelled under department— (Continued on page 2.)